

# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Administration Building • 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Suite 552 • Miami, Florida 33132 (305) 995-1590

**Mr. Roger C. Cuevas**  
Superintendent of Schools

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair  
Dr. Michael M. Krop, Vice Chair  
Mr. G. Holmes Braddock  
Dr. Robert B. Ingram  
Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan  
Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse  
Mr. Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M. S.  
Dr. Marta Pérez  
Dr. Solomon C. Stinson

August 21, 2000

Secretary Magalie Roman Salas  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Rulemaking Proceeding Number RM-9911

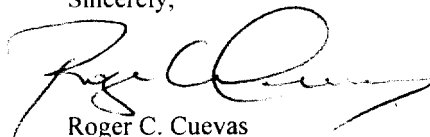
Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

It has come to my attention that the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) has filed a petition seeking to have the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allocate two frequencies, 2500-2520MHz and 2670-2690MHz to the Mobile Satellite Service. I would like to express my strong opposition to such an action. Should the FCC grant such a petition, it would impair learning in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the fourth largest school district in the Nation.

Currently, we use these frequencies to broadcast two cable channels to serve 204 elementary schools, 12 primary learning centers, 14 charter schools, 53 middle schools, 33 senior high schools, 15 alternative education schools, 5 specialized education centers and 26 adult education schools. Our service reaches over 360,000 K-12 students and over 140,000 adult students daily with over 10,000 hours of programming a year. Furthermore, we utilize these two frequencies to provide in-service training to over 18,700 teachers throughout the District. Utilizing these ITFS channels, we have the capability to reach over 450,000 households providing educational programming and live call-in shows, such as Dial-a-Teacher.

Without these frequencies, we would be unable to provide a quality education to our students. I urge you to deny SIA's petition to allocate 2500-2520MHz and 2670-2690MHz to Mobile Satellite Service.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Cuevas  
Superintendent of Schools

RCC:mm  
L-234

cc: South Florida Congressional Delegation  
Commissioner William E. Kennard, Chairman  
Commissioner Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth  
Commissioner Susan Ness  
Commissioner Michael K. Powell  
Commissioner Gloria Tristani  
Dr. Henry C. Fraind  
Dr. John Johnson  
Mr. Gerald A. Williams  
Ms. Iraida R. Mendez  
Mr. Pierre E. Rutledge  
Mr. Thomas A. Cerra  
Ms. Danielle McBeth

No. of Copies rec'd 0  
List A B C D E